

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-15. (Canceled).

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~15~~ 32, wherein step ~~(e)~~ (g) comprises printing a postal bar code label for the mail piece, ~~which bar code corresponds to an address identified by the computer and then~~ applying the bar code label to the mail piece.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~14~~, 32 ~~wherein step (e)~~ further comprises comprising:

if an address cannot be determined with sufficient specificity in step ~~(e)~~ (e), assigning an identification code to the mail piece; and

saving the image and identification code associated therewith in a computer accessible form for resolution at a later time.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, ~~wherein step (e)~~ further comprises comprising labeling the mail piece with an identification code in a machine scannable form.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, ~~wherein step (e) further comprises~~
further comprising:

feeding the labeled mail piece image into a video coding system;
capturing and reading the identification code of the labeled mail piece;
displaying the image associated with read identification code on a video screen;
manually entering address information associated with the displayed mail piece into a
video coding computer; and
applying a postal delivery bar code to the mail piece, which bar code corresponds to the
address information entered into the video coding computer.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~18~~ 17, wherein the identification code is
an existing feature that appears on the mail piece and can be identified by being captured and
read.

21. (Canceled).

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~21~~ 32, wherein the imager is a hand-held
capture device.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~13~~ 32, wherein the method further
comprises the steps of:

sorting mail pieces from the batch using an automated sorting system that scans each

mail piece and sorts it to a destination bin based on the results of the scan; and

taking non-machinable mail pieces from the batch which cannot be sorted using the automated sorting system and performing steps (a)-(d) on the non-machinable mail pieces.

24-31. (Canceled).

32. (New) A method of processing a series of mail pieces, comprising:

(a) selecting a region of interest on a side of each mail piece before scanning the mail piece, the region of interest including a destination address for the mail piece;

(b) manually positioning at least one of an imager and the mail piece such that the imager is directed toward the region of interest so that an image of the region of interest;

(c) capturing an image of the region of interest with the destination information therein with the imager;

(d) transmitting a signal including image data representing the captured image to a computer;

(e) using the computer to process the captured image data to determine a destination address for the mail piece;

(f) determining a postal zip code corresponding to the destination address; and

(g) then applying a bar code representing the postal zip code corresponding to the destination address.

33. (New) The method of claim 32 wherein step (c) further comprises generating one of an audible and visual signal, the signal indicating that the image was successfully captured.

34. (New) The method of claim 32 wherein step (c) further comprises capturing an image including the region of interest but less than the side of the mail piece oriented toward the imager.

35. (New) The method of claim 32 wherein step (d) further comprises using a computer implemented address interpreter that interfaces with a national address database for matching partial address information from a mail piece with valid destination addresses.

36. (New) The method of claim 11 wherein step (c) further comprises displaying image data captured from the mail piece.